

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,721,784 (hereafter "Leonard"). Particularly, the Office Action alleges that Henry teaches each limitation of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 17. Claims 1, 6, 11, and 17 have been amended to more clearly articulate various aspects of at least one embodiment of the invention. Specifically, independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 17 are presently amended to reflect that the email message is to be encrypted only if the recipient attempts to save the email to local storage.

Leonard, by contrast, encrypts the incoming email regardless of whether it is stored to a local memory. Therefore, claims 1, 6, 11, and 17, as presently amended are not anticipated by Leonard.

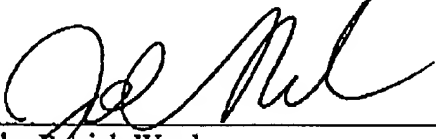
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6, 11, and 17, as well as all dependent claims, are presently in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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